

Sustainability Committee
Minutes of Meeting
January 8, 2014

Members Present: Lynn Stoddard, Paul Shapiro, Kristen Schwab, Matt Hart, Shawn Santasiere, Susannah Everett

Other Present: Members of Town Council: William Ryan, Virginia Raymond, Alexander Marcellino, Elizabeth Wassmundt

Members of Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee: Ken Rawn, Meg Reich, Pat Ferrigno

Members of Conservation Commission: Quentin Kessel, John Silander, Aileen Booth

Connecticut Water Company: David Radka, Maureen Westbrook, Paul McCary, Craig Patla

Staff Present: Jennifer Kaufman, Linda Painter, Virginia Walton, Grant Meitzler

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 by Stoddard.

Introductions were made.

The December 11, 2013 meeting minutes were accepted as amended on a motion by Schwab/Hart.

There was no public comment.

Hart gave an overview of Connecticut Water Company's proposal for providing water service to approximately 200 Mansfield customers, including some municipal building, who currently are serviced by the University of Connecticut. Comments from commission/council/committee members included:

- Grammatical corrections in the Definitive Agreement between Connecticut Water Company and the Town of Mansfield,
- Suggestions of who should be represented on the water advisory committee,
- Concerns about pipeline sprawl and how extension requests would be handled in order to prevent this,
- Reservations about moving forward with the agreement before reviewing the draft Plan of Development and Conservation,

The Sustainability Committee, Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee and Conservation Commission broke into separate meetings to discuss the Definitive Agreement between Connecticut Water Company and the Town of Mansfield. Members of the Sustainability Committee suggested that under best management practices, 9.5.b., the language should be changed to "...implementing **any land use regulations** to mitigate development pressures...." The construction along Route 195 provides an opportunity to connect the bike path from CVS south to UConn and use green storm water management strategies. Middlebury is a community that built a bike path in conjunction with water line construction.

Work could begin in the fall of 2014, which means acting immediately to coordinate this effort. It was agreed that Joshua Trust, the Town of Willington and the Willimantic River Alliance should have representation on the advisory committee – this could be included in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Mansfield and the Connecticut Water Company.

Schwab moved, Everett seconded to authorize the chair to report to the Town Council that the terms contained in the draft Definitive Agreement between Connecticut Water Company and the Town of Mansfield sufficiently address the concerns raised by the Committee in its August 2013 memo. The motion passed with Hart and Shapiro abstaining.

Stoddard moved, Schwab seconded to urge council and staff to work with relevant agencies and stakeholders to accommodate complete streets and green infrastructure in the design and construction of the CWC water project. The sustainability committee would be pleased to assist. The motion passed with Hart and Shapiro abstaining.

Staff will contact Middlebury about their bikeway.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton